

Holy and Happy

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The Key to Happiness is Holiness

*“Holiness is the royal road to happiness.
The death of sin is the life of joy.” – Charles Spurgeon*

God created us to be holy and happy in His love through faith and love according to His Word. The happiness we are talking about is full and lasting joy in God without any sin or suffering. The happiness we can have in a fallen world is a hopeful, imperfect happiness by faith. The happiness we will have in the world to come is a full, perfect happiness by sight. Holiness is another way of speaking of loving like God loves. We often think of holiness as not doing things, but the Bible sees holiness as doing things (namely, loving God and people).

No Condemnation: *You are not defined by your sin.* – Romans 8:1

David, the Man after God’s Own Heart - 1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22
Judas, the Son of Perdition – John 17:12; Matthew 10:1; Mark 14:10; John 13:21-30

No Separation: *You are not defined by your suffering.* – Romans 8:38-39

Rich Man and Lazarus – Luke 16:19-25
Job the Best Man on the Planet - Job 1-2; Ezekiel 14:12-20
Jesus, the Best Man Ever – Matthew 27:35-44

No Complacency: *Sin is not your friend.* – Romans 8:12-14

Cain and Crouching Sin – Genesis 4:1-8

Feed on the truth through the Word and attack the root of sin.

Eve and the Serpent’s Lie – Genesis 3:1-5
The Connections between Feeding and Truth – Jeremiah 3:15; John 21:17
The Connections between Unbelief and Disobedience – Hebrews 3:12, 19; Hebrews 4:6, 11
The Connections between Freedom from Sin and Truth and the Spirit – John 8:31-32, 36; 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; Ephesians 6:17

Fix your hope on God through prayer and attack the trunk of sin.

Eve and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil – Genesis 3:6
The Connections between Fixing Our Hope and Holiness – 1 Peter 1:13-15; 1 John 3:3

The Connections between Prayer and Hope - Romans 12:12; 1 Timothy 5:5; Psalm 38:15
The Connections between Prayer and the Spirit – Romans 8:25-27; Ephesians 6:18;
Philippians 1:19; Jude 1:20; Zechariah 12:10; Romans 8:15; Luke 11:5-13

Fight sin with a sanctified NO and pursue love and attack the fruit of sin.

Adam and Eve and the Forbidden Fruit – Genesis 3:6

Putting to death what? (Romans 8:13)

- Indulgent, sinful thought patterns* Matthew 9:4; Ephesians 2:3; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Ephesians 4:26; John 14:1; John 14:27
- Sinful Words* – Ephesians 4:29
- Sinful Actions* – Romans 6:12-14
- Ideally, we are to put to death sin at the point of its rising in our hearts (wrong desires, motivations) or any point thereafter. – James 1:14-15; Matthew 15:18-19; Hebrews 3:12

The Sanctified No! – Matthew 4:1-11

How does this work in real life?

We need to ask and answer some questions:

- Lies*: What lies am I believing?
- Misplaced Hope*: Where have I misplaced my hope?
- Deviations*: What do I need to think or say or do or not think or say or do?

What about the church? Fellowship with other feeders, fixers and fighters. – Hebrews 3:12-13

What about failure? Failure in the battle should not deter us because Jesus has won the war. – Romans 7:14-25

The Key to Holiness is Faith in the Love of God in Jesus

What about Jesus? Faith that receives Jesus and repents of sin is the foundation.

- To believe in Jesus is to receive Him as our Lord and Savior. - John 1:12; Romans 10:9
- To repent is to have a change of mind about God and sin so that you move from seeing sin as your friend and God as your enemy to seeing God as your Friend and sin as your enemy. - 2 Chronicles 6:37; Acts 20:21
- Faith rests in Jesus for pardon and perfection and perfect love. – Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 3:14-19; 1 John 4:15-19